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Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway Toll Collection staffer's death

Step-up security for Toll Booth staff: SP

Mysuru SP C.B. Ryshyanth along with Mysuru South Rural Inspector Jeevan inspecting the Toll Plaza on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&KS)- Following the death of a toll collector after he was brutally assaulted by a group of youths on Sunday night at the Toll Plaza on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway, Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth visited the spot and held discussions with the Toll Plaza staff and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Officials yesterday.

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the SP said that the Police cannot give security to Toll Plazas. Though the Toll Plazas are built by the Government, they are given to private operators through tenders, the SP said and added that it is the responsibility of the private operators to deploy adequate security personnel. He also said that the Karnataka Industrial Security Force (KISF) provides security to dams, airports and defence institutions but not for private operators.

Pointing out that the private operators should impart training to their staff and also enhance security for the safety of their staff, the SP said that in case of any problem, the Toll Booth staff should not fight back with the motorists, but should remain calm as the security cameras record everything. The staff should then complain to the Police, who will take action based on the CCTV footages, the SP added.

NHAI reacts

Meanwhile, NHAI Project Director Sridhar, who too spoke to *SOM* said that the revenue (toll collection) was very less but the maintenance cost was more at the three Toll Plazas where 300 employees are working.

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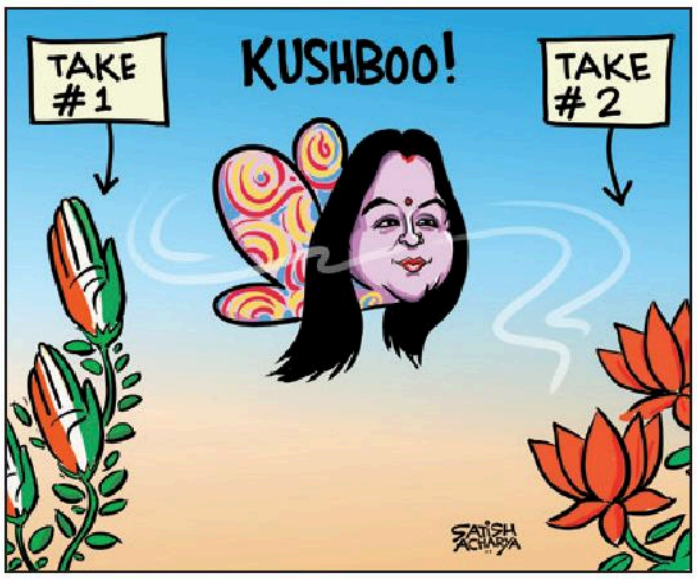
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



Two-day PG-CET begins

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (PM&DM)- The two-day PG-CET conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) for admission to Post-Graduate technical courses such as M.Tech, M.Arch, MCA, MBA and ME, offered by VTU and other State-run Universities in Karnataka, began at eight centres in the city this morning.

A total of 5,224 technical graduate degree holders had registered for the exam at the city centres, which included Maharaja PU college, Maharani PU College, D. Banumaiah College, Mathru Mandali College in Vontikoppal and Mahajana College in Jayalakshmipuram, among others.

Tomorrow, the Diploma-CET for admission of Engineering Diploma students to Under-Graduate engineering courses will take place at eight centres in the city. A total of 2,400 diploma holders have registered for the exam.

The City Police have clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in 200 mts radius of all the Exam Centres between 6 am and 6 pm on both days of the exam. Also all photo copy shops in the vicinity have been asked to close during exam.

To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	309
Total positive cases	:	42,373
Discharges yesterday	:	728
Total discharges	:	34,357
Deaths yesterday	:	07
Total deaths	:	893
Total active cases	:	7,123

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th October 2020

Rail Museum visiting hours to be extended during Dasara

Mysuru, Oct. 13- The Rail Museum, located on KRS Road, opposite CFTRI Main Gate, will be specially illuminated during Dasara festival this year.

The timing of the Museum, which is normally open for public between 10 am and 6 pm, will be extended by two hours to facilitate visitors during the Dasara festivities — Oct. 17 to Oct. 26, according to Railways.

The Rail Museum of Mysuru is an interesting place to know about the spectacular journey of Railways in India spanning a period of more than 150 years.

The renovated Museum has a fascinating collection of several ancient steam locomotives and carriages.

New amenities such as audio-visual media centre, playground for kids, cafeteria and toilets are all available now at the Museum premises.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

To be sure, there exists evidence of great wisdom that resided in the past. A lot of it is both profound and timeless. But why should the knowledge gathered in any one era be enshrined as being definitive? Just as our ancestors left us some deeply profound philosophical precepts that have timeless value, quite clearly there are a whole lot of other areas where the modern age knows much more. The need to assert that everything that was conceived of in the past must necessarily be true because it was conceived of in the past is dogma. The argument that Indian knowledge systems have been suppressed for centuries because of the skewed geopolitical order is a powerful one. The need to look at world through an Indian lens using concepts and frameworks that are locally produced is not only a correction of an epistemic imbalance, but is also something that will add value to a world that is struggling to find new perspectives. The possibilities that an Indian way of thinking can unleash are endless, but for those to be realised, the country needs to get over its resentful and petulant obsession with its minorities. The project to revitalise traditional Indian wisdom needs to be more intellectually ambitious. Currently, the past is being used as a source of identity alone, and that belittles it. We are the primitives of a future civilisation, as poet Gary Snyder reminds us, and some day our ideas will be regarded as timeless wisdom. That is, if we have any.

— Santosh Desai in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Spend a night in this mountain cabin on the side of a cliff

Colombia: La Casa en el Aire ('The House in the Air' in Spanish) is a unique hostel perched on a cliff face, about 30 meters above ground, in the Colombian mountains.

Casa en el Aire is attached to Cerro San Vicente, a monumental rock formation that rises up among the coffee landscape in rural Abejorral, Colombia's Antioquia region. It stands about 20 meters above ground, at an altitude of about 2,500 meters above sea level. It is connected to a more stable-looking cable via a hanging bridge along the cliff face.

Visitors of La Casa en el Aire can also engage in a variety of thrilling activities, such as zip-lining over a large valley right across from the cabin, bungee jumping out of the cabin, or spending the night in hammocks suspended on steel cables above the cabin.

Chalk drawing on pavement reappears after 13 years !

Monterrey: Many people across Mexico have been flocking Monterrey city after a chalk drawing of the Virgin Mary inexplicably reappeared 13 years after it was drawn.

An outdoor parking lot in Monterrey recently became a pilgrimage spot, after a drawing of the Virgin Mary appeared on the asphalt. Its origin was unknown at first, but after photos of the mysterious artwork started circulating online, local authorities revealed that it had been drawn during a celebration called "Bella Vía". The weird thing is that this particular chalk drawing dates back to the 2007 festival and no one knows how the artwork lasted for so long or how it had gone unnoticed for 13 years.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is it possible to get Malaria in the United States?

It is possible to get Malaria in the US but very unlikely. We have 2 mosquito species in the US that carry the Malaria parasite, but the vast majority of Malaria cases in the US were contracted in areas outside of the US where the disease is more common.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	124
Total positive cases	:	13,733
Total discharges	:	11,874
Total deaths	:	122
Total active cases	:	1,737

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	70
Total positive cases	:	5,125
Total discharges	:	4,316
Total deaths	:	88
Total active cases	:	710

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	65
Total positive cases	:	3,697
Total discharges	:	3,063
Total deaths	:	49
Total active cases	:	585

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	278
Total positive cases	:	21,699
Total discharges	:	17,063
Total deaths	:	337
Total active cases	:	4,299

Really...?

- ***Though we think of flush toilets as a pretty modern convenience, the first version of it was actually invented back in 1596 by Queen Elizabeth I's Godson. It required seven-and-a-half gallons of water to flush—which is a lot when you consider today's toilets require an average of 1.6 gallons—but on the other hand, up to 20 people could use it between flushes. But this version of the flush toilet didn't really catch on. According to Smithsonian Magazine, they didn't take off until 1851.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Johnny: *Sam, what shall we do tonight?*

Sam: *We will flip a coin first.*

Johnny: *If it comes head, we will go for movies. If tails, we will play cards, if it stands on edge, we will study!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.37
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.97
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.54

VOICE OF THE READER

Check stray cattle menace in city

Sir,

Kudos to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and V.V. Puram Traffic Police for conducting ***"Operation stray cattle"*** (*SOM* dated Oct.10). The nuisance created by stray cattle is a real menace for the pedestrians and the motorists, especially for the two-wheelers.

Apart from V.V. Mohalla Traffic Police jurisdiction, MCC and the respective jurisdictional Traffic Police Stations should conduct "operation stray cattle" in their areas also — especially at the Central Business District comprising D. Devaraj Urs Road and Shivarampet. Stray cattle can be seen wandering menacingly in these areas, apart from occupying available parking space in these two locations, depriving parking space for the vehicles.

The owners of the cattle are under the impression that after milking the cows, they can let the cattle wander on the main roads and the public should take care of their cattle.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru 11.10. 2020

Power disruption today

Mysuru, Oct. 13- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted today from 10 am and 6 pm the following areas:

Lakshmipuram, Hosakeri, Rehamanya Mohalla, Nellur Shed, Krishnamurthypuram, Medarakeri and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Corona Awareness Jatha

Mysuru, Oct. 13- Karnataka State Legal Services Authority in association with Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has organised Corona Awareness Jatha at Mysuru District and Sessions Court premises tomorrow (Oct. 14) at 9.20 am. Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar of Mysuru will flag off the event. All Judges of Mysuru city and District-level Officers will participate in the event, according to a press release.

Obituary

C.S. Minhaj Ulla

Mysuru, Oct. 13- C.S. Minhaj Ulla (54), son of Sibghat Ulla and a resident of Bannimantap, passed away on Sunday (Oct. 11) at a private hospital in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of friends and relatives.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road yesterday (Oct. 12), according to a family sources.

Dr. A.V. Champaka Malini

Dr. A.V. Champaka Malini (82), retired lecturer of Yuvaraja's College and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her sister Lakshmikantha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this morning, according to family sources.

DD Urs Road Shopping Festival launched

D. Devaraj Urs Road Traders Association has organised *Namma Dasara - Deepavali Habba,* ***a Shopping Festival on DD Urs Road from Oct. 10 to Nov. 20. In all, 85 plus shops are participating in the Festival where people can shop and win attractive prizes. The Festival was formally launched by MLA L. Nagendra yesterday. He is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Association President Veerabhadrappa, Corporator Pramila Bharath, Association Secretary Mahendra Jain, member Gaffar Iqbal, film actor Nirup Bhandari and DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda.***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Office-bearers of Madiwala Samiti

P. Raju of Mysuru has been elected as the Hon. President of the newly formed Sri Madiwala Machideva Kshemabhivruddhi Seva Samiti, having office at No.763, Third Cross, Nala Beedi, Sunnadakeri, K.R. Mohalla. The other elected office-bearers are as follows: President - Sathyanarayana (Mysuru), Vice-President - Sannaswamy (Marballi), General Secretary - Raghavendra (LIC), Treasurer - Chikkanna, Convenor - K. Chandrashekar, Secretary - D. Chandru, Organising Secretary - Nanjappa, Directors - K.P. Suresh, Mahesh, Mahadevaswamy, V. Mahesh, Srinivasa, K. Mahesh and Media Advisor - D.N. Babu. [Mob: 97439-15145 or 98805-92281]

Entries invited

Hubballi-based Dr. D.S. Karki Sahitya Vedike has invited entries (collection of poems) from poets for awarding poetry award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation. The collection of poems must be first published in 2019 and should not be a translated one. Also, the entry must not have won any award before. The last date for sending entries is Oct. 28. The entries must be addressed to M.A. Subramanya Sahitya Prakashana, Koppikar Road, Hubballi - 580020. For details, call: 94481-10034.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to P. Asha for her thesis 'Information Literacy Skills among Science Faculty Members of First Grade Colleges Affiliated to University of Mysore: A Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H. Adithya Kumari.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	8,640 cusecs
Outflow	7,933 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,283.02 ft
Inflow	1,725 cusecs
Outflow	1,475 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.73 ft
Inflow	2,267 cusecs
Outflow	1,100 cusecs

No special buses for Dasara, says KSRTC Chairman Chandrappa

- Mysuru City, Rural Divisions of KSRTC to be merged
- Construction workers and labourers to get free bus pass

Mysuru,Oct.13 (RKB&DM)- KSRTC Chairman M. Chandrappa said that the two Divisions of the District — Mysuru City and Rural — will be merged as a cost control measure.

Addressing his first press meet in Mysuru after taking over as KSRTC Chairman, at the Mysuru Rural Division Office in Bannimantap yesterday, Chandrappa, the BJP MLA from Holalkere in Chitradurga District, said that the merger is planned as an organisational and cost control measure, with the Rural and Urban combined together, incurring huge losses of Rs.70 crore this year.

Pointing out that with Dasara being celebrated in a simple manner this year on account of COVID-19, the KSRTC will not operate any special buses from any parts for Dasara, Chandrappa said despite less occupancy in buses, the KSRTC has been trying to operate as much buses as possible in accordance with the number of passengers.

Reiterating that there will be no Dasara special buses this year, he said that however, route buses will ply as usual and the trips will be increased only if the occupancy becomes higher.

Announcing that Mysuru has been selected for the pilot project for distribution of free bus pass to construction workers, he said that according to a survey, there are over 66,000 construction workers and other labourers in Mysuru District and the KSRTC plans to distribute free pass to all of them.

Noting that the Labour Department has been approached to issue ID cards to the workers so as to enable the KSRTC to give free bus pass to them, he said that the project will be extended to all other parts of the State in the days to come.

Stating that the KSRTC has incurred a loss of Rs.1,600 crore this year in the backdrop of COVID-19 crisis, he said that he was thankful to Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa for sanctioning Rs.1,385 crore to KSRTC towards wage payment and fuel cost.

Asserting that there are no plans to hike bus fares although the price of diesel is soaring by the day, he said that the KSRTC will continue to operate with its established motto of 'No Profit No loss', despite facing mounting losses.

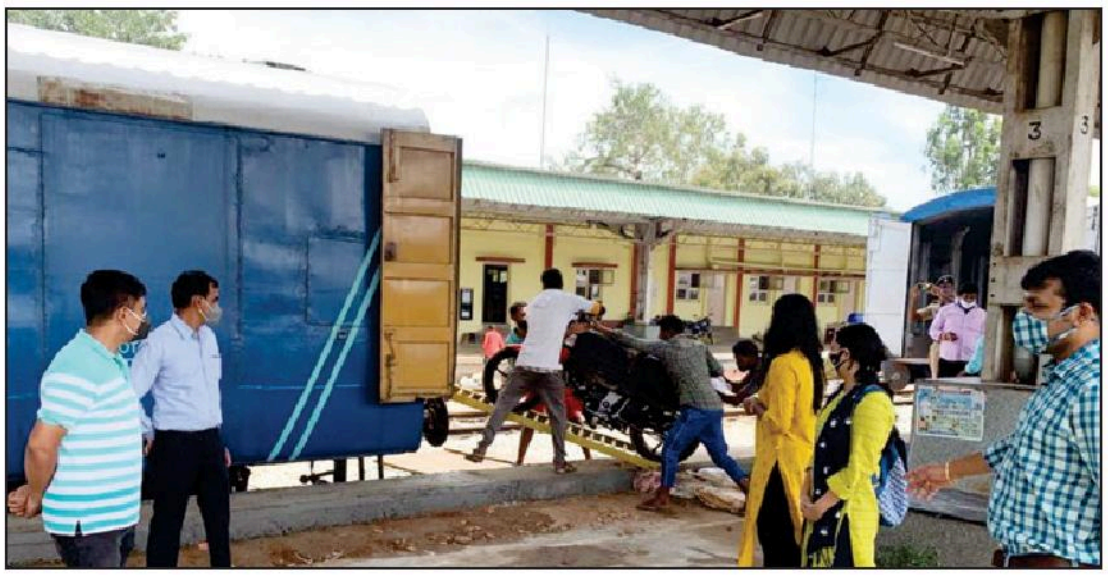
Chandrappa further said that the RTOs have been asked to take legal action against private bus and taxi operators who are found operating without permits, thus eating into the revenues of KSRTC.

Replying to a query, Chandrappa said 47 KSRTC staff in Mysuru district were tested positive for COVID-19 so far. While three of them have died, 33 others have been discharged from hospitals while the rest are still undergoing treatment, he said and added that he will talk to the Chief Minister on announcing compensation for the three deceased staff members.

Responding to another query on resumption of inter-State bus services, he said that although the Centre has granted permission for operations, the KSRTC is not in a hurry to resume such services keeping in mind the safety and health of passengers.

Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller (DC) K.H. Srinivas, Urban DC Nagaraj and other officials were present.

Two-wheelers ride on rails



Mysuru, Oct. 13- Giving further push to automobile transportation, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, loads TVS two-wheelers in New Modified Goods (NMG) rake from Kadakola to Changsari near Guwahati, Assam, covering a distance of nearly 3,000 kms.

This traffic has come to Railways due to sustained efforts of Business Development Unit set up on the Division.

NMG rakes are modified coaches to facilitate the easy movement of automobiles. One full NMG rake has 25 coaches. On an average, one coach can carry 40 two-wheelers, thus carrying around 1,000 vehicles in one move. This traffic was hitherto moved by road. Marketing efforts of the Business Development Unit of the Division is yielding promising returns. Mysuru Division has recently captured new agricultural commodities such as Areca nut, ginger, spices, coconut etc., from various corners of the State. Iron Ore traffic is also diversified with longer lead to Goa and Maharashtra.

'SWIFT' Digital Initiative

In a major digital initiative to help plan the transportation flows and optimise freight operations for freight managers, Commercial Department of Mysuru Division has launched a mobile application called SWIFT — Single Window for Integrated Freight Transportation.

The app will be a one stop destination for the customers to access requisite details and helps the customers to know the procedure to book parcel and freight step by step, to locate the nearby goods sheds, contact number of respective staff, special trains running, types of wagons for types of commodities and interactive 'May I Help' interface. This App is available in play store for downloading, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and Senior PRO, SWR.

N'gud Highway Toll Plaza staff assaulted, succumbs to injuries

Three arrested, Cops launch hunt to nab another

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK,PM&KS)- A staff of Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway Toll Plaza near K.N. Hundi succumbed to injuries at a hospital after he was assaulted by a group of four youths at the Toll Plaza on Sunday night.

The deceased is P. Ganesh (23), son of Prakash of Kadakola in the taluk. Ganesh was working as a Toll Collector.

On Sunday night, four youths, who came in a Maruti Swift car from Nanjangud side at about 10.55 pm, picked up a quarrel with Ganesh, saying that their car mirror was damaged at the Plaza resulting in heated exchange of words.

When the wordy duel escalated, the youths allegedly stabbed Ganesh with a sharp weapon on his neck and fled from the spot.

Deceased Ganesh

Toll Plaza supervisor Raghavendra and others, who summoned an ambulance, rushed the profusely bleeding Ganesh to a private hospital in Mysuru, where he succumbed to injuries at about 7.30 am on Monday.

According to Police sources, on Oct. 10 (Saturday) at about 10.30 pm, the youths who came in the car from Mysuru side stopped at the Toll Plaza during which the hand of Ganesh had accidentally hit the car mirror damaging it.

The youths abused Ganesh and drove away only to return the next night and again picked up a quarrel with Ganesh. They asked him to get the mirror repaired and assaulted him seriously.

Mysuru Rural Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, collected the CCTV footages, registered a case and arrested three youths identified as Puneeth, Srikanth and Deepak besides launching a hunt to nab one more accused.

Mobile phone thieves nabbed

Two phones recovered, one autorickshaw seized

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (SPN&KS)- Alanahalli Police, on Oct. 10, arrested two persons on charges of stealing expensive mobile phones and recovered two mobile phones besides seizing an autorickshaw used for the crime.

The arrested are 25-year-old Venkatesh alias Chaaku of Yeraganahalli and 21-year-old K. Sanjay of Lalithadripura village in the taluk.

On Oct. 7 at about 4.40 pm, one Nanjundaswamy was speaking on his mobile phone near Vajregowda Petrol Bunk on T. Narasipur Road. A group of miscreants, who came in an autorickshaw from behind, snatched his Redmi mobile phone and sped away.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have told the Police that they (accused) along with their accomplices Abhay, Roopesh and Jayakumar, were involved in snatching mobile phones and confessed of snatching the Redmi phone and also an iPhone near Yandalli close to S.V.P. Nagar on Oct. 6.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered one Redmi and one iPhone worth Rs. 1.50 lakh from them, besides launching a hunt to nab others.

DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shashidhar supervised Alanahalli Inspector H. Hariappa, Sub-Inspector T.S. Mahendra, ASI Sridhar and staff Shivaprasad, P. Ravikumar, Siddaraju and B.H. Ranganath, in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Special Property Tax Drive

MCC records Rs.37.45 lakh collection on a single day

Mysuru, Oct.13 (SPN&DM)- *'Palike Nade - Janatheya Kade'*, a special drive launched by the MCC to collect tax from the doorstep of property owners, seems to have reaped much dividends for the cash-strapped civic body, as it recorded a whopping collection of Rs. 37.45 lakh on a single day on Monday.

MCC officials collected Rs. 37,45,124 from a total of 713 property owners coming under all the nine MCC Zonal Offices.

MCC Revenue Officer Kumar Nayak told *Star of Mysore* that MCC Zone-3 was the biggest revenue earner on Monday as it collected Rs.22,65,926 from 389 property owners, thus accounting for more than half of total revenue recorded yesterday.

Zone-1: Rs. 1,67,657 from 53 property owners; **Zone-2:** Rs. 2,32,781 from 54 property owners; **Zone-3:** Rs.22,65,926 from 389 property owners; **Zone-4:** Rs. 3,26,411 from 34 property owners; **Zone-5:** Rs. 3,31,952 from 79 property owners; **Zone-6:** Rs. 7,02,007 from 67 property owners; **Zone-7:** Rs.4,00,672 from 72 property owners; **Zone-8:** Rs.1,73,457 from 46 property owners; **Zone-9:** Rs.2,51,117 from 50 property owners.

Kumar Nayak further said that the MCC, in the period from Apr.1 to Oct.9, has collected Rs.75,34,59,911 from a total of 1,01,040 property owners.

Address civic issues of tax-payers: GTD

Meanwhile, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) launched the tax collection drive at Dattagalli 3rd Stage coming under Ward 46.

Pointing out that with people voluntarily paying up taxes even during COVID-19 crisis it is the duty of the officials to address the civic issues raised by them, he said that MUDA has carried out several developmental works in Dattagalli area.

He further said that the Government has released a grant of Rs. 2.70 crore for construction of a water tank at Dattagalli.

The construction of a Basket Ball Court is going on at Dattagalli 3rd Stage and the process for construction of a Shuttle Court too is underway, the MLA added.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Corporator Lakshmi Kiran, MCC Zone-3 Assistant Commissioner T.S. Satyamurthy, MUDA Officer Kiran and other officials were present.

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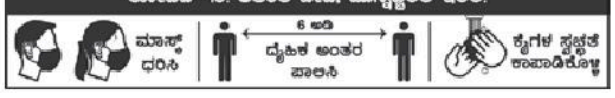

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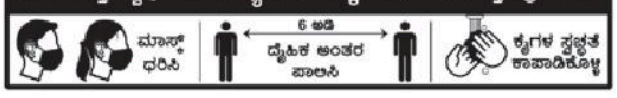

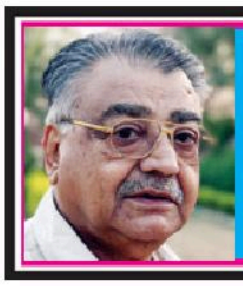

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 12

Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS: Visionary behind Kodava Heritage Centre –2

[Continued from yesterday]

I remember in 1960s in the Fiji Island, where there was a majority of Indian immigrants who were businessmen and traders as opposed to the local Fijians (I guess earliest immigrants of African origin) who were **landowners,** there was a political crisis. An Indian origin man won the **democratic election** and became the Prime Minister. But, soon he was overthrown by a 'local' Fijian Brigadier. **The reason was that the island-nation should be ruled by the 'locals', the land-owners. I thought there is a lesson in this for Kodavas to learn. The day Kodavas cease to be 'sons of Kodagu soil' (ಮಣ್ಣಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳು) they will vanish from Kodagu.**

I am reminded of what Desmond Tutu, South African Bishop and Nobel Laureate for Peace had said: When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, "Let us close our eyes and pray." When we opened our eyes, "We had the Bible and they had the land."

This is what had happened and is happening to Kodavas today after the Jamma land tenure was outright abolished without a thought about the Kodavas of Kodagu. The Kodavas are having money and the immigrants the land!

I guess, Kodavas could have worked to get a variant of Jamma tenure through Amendments etc. But, majority was for its blanket abolition and naturally they should pay the price. Kodagu will soon cease to be their land of identity. Sad. No Kodava voice was raised in the Assembly against the abolition, I am told.

I attended a couple of meetings of the Federation of Kodava Samajas but found myself at large in a huge hall of zinc sheet-roof with about 25 members who are called Directors. The acoustics was so bad that much of what was said must only be guessed. Then once it rained and the meeting was ruined. I had to request the Chairman to adjourn the meeting till the rains abated. Well, by then, it was time for lunch!

Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS

Alas, there are so many Kodava Samajas, but not a single well-furnished venue to conduct a meeting in peace, dignity and proper protocol! When the meeting ambience is bad, good people avoid speaking, why, even good ideas do not cross our minds. But I do not think Kodava Federation could now unscramble the egg. We go to the meeting well-dressed in style like Kodavas usually do, but only to sit on a plastic chair kept in disarray in a huge hall!

While I was thus reflecting on the dismal condition of Kodava Federation, I heard of the **Kodava Heritage Centre,** with a museum, coming up in Madikeri, the place I had insisted for Kodava Federation. This first information came from my friend in Bengaluru, as I mentioned earlier, when I went to meet him as a courtesy. I jumped with joy. He then told me how it came about over a second cup of tea. He was also heartbroken, that the proposed grant from Government of India was lost to his Kodava Federation.

Be that as it may, let me now turn to our lady with a vision Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha, an IAS Officer and a Kodavathi of Codanda family, who was the Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, New Delhi. She was apparently approached by someone for grant from her Department to the Kodava Federation and she decided to visit the Federation at Balugodu (Virajpet taluk) before releasing the fund. She visited the place, but paid a visit to Lt. Gen. C.G. Somanna (retd.), her uncle, living in Virajpet.

This visit, according to my friend, changed her mind about granting funds to the Federation and instead she came up with the idea of this **Kodava Heritage Centre in Madikeri** with a Kodava museum. To be built like the traditional Kodava *Ainmane* (family dwelling with a quadrangle) comprising an auditorium, a library, a museum with artefacts, items of excavation, attire, weapons etc., etc. I hope it will be built that way. Anyway, I said to myself, "Well, God fullfils himself in many ways." **How would the future generation know about the "Vanished Kodavas" otherwise!? For me this is a huge serendipitous happening for "The Vanishing Kodavas." After all, with the abolition of Jamma land tenure the Kodava Diaspora, like that of Jews, had already begun.** I shall now on forget the imaginary usefulness of the Federation for the Kodavas which for all these years of its existence does not have a museum nor a library to show. Yes, an apology of a 'war memorial' is built on the border of Kerala that would be seen only by Kodavas who go to the Federation!!

On returning to Delhi, Mrs. Rathi sanctioned about a crore of rupees for the project. Not only this, she ensured that required land is made available for the project in Madikeri itself. It is near the Mahindra Holiday Resorts in Galibeedu. But, it is a paradox that the Federation could not find a place in Madikeri! A reflection on promoters of the Federation and our Kodava politicians. Perish the thought.

Mrs. Rathi, a senior IAS Officer, now retired, is the sister of late Codanda G. Somiah, the legendary IAS Officer during Rajiv Gandhi's Prime Ministership, who held many high positions including Home Secretary, CVC and Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG). I had the privilege of knowing him while he was in Bengaluru after retirement and had even spoken to him and published a couple of articles extracted from his book '*The Honest Always Stand Alone.*'

I was craving to see him personally but it was not to be. However, I made it, rather sadly, when he was admitted to the Manipal Hospital. I drove there from Mysuru one day and met him in the ward, his wife attending. I was an intruder. He was on ventilator but on hearing my name, lifted the ventilator to speak. I touched his extended hand. His wife sprang from her seat and warned him and requested me. I was deeply moved by his gesture.

Post Script: About a year back I had the opportunity to meet Air Marshal Kodandera Nanda Cariappa to whom I broached the subject of the stalled Kodava Heritage Centre in Madikeri. My two newspapers wrote a number of articles about it, but sadly nobody bothered. Not even our Kodagu MLAs. It was he who got me in touch with Mrs. Rathi who happened to be in her bungalow in Virajpet. After some time I met her once in the Metropole Hotel with her husband and discussed the Kodava Heritage Centre. I was surprised to hear that she had followed up on the discussion, met the bureaucrats in the Vidhana Soudha etc. By then, of course, she had retired.

Thus is the predicament in which Kodavas are today placed. This Kodava Heritage Centre seems to be the only Centre that will leave the footprints of Kodavas 'on the sands of time.' At least for this reason the enlightened Kodavas must be eternally grateful to Mrs. Rathi Vinay Jha IAS and also to Mrs. Veena Achaiah, MLC (for reviving the project which was almost given up).

I doubt if Mrs. Veena Achaiah had not asked the question in the Legislative Council and pursued it with officials, C.T. Ravi, the Tourism Minister, would have taken any interest and the project would have died a natural death.

Anyway, let us hope, Kodava Heritage Centre will soon be a reality. But, my regret is that despite the dismal future, Kodavas have no **united apex body** to voice their grievances.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 11 on 'Kempaiah IPS: Officer Who Made A Difference' was published in three parts on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11* —**Ed**

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PM Modi to virtually address UoM Convocation on Oct.19

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&DM)- The Centenary Convocation of the University of Mysore (UoM) will be held at Crawford Hall on Oct. 19.

In a notification issued on Oct. 12, the University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Convocation virtually at 11 am on Oct. 19. Governor Vajubhai R. Vala, also the Chancellor of all State-run Universities, will preside. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, will be present.

The Convocation was earlier planned to be held between Jan. 15 and Mar. 31, but had to be put off due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the number of participants at Crawford Hall will be limited to 100. Noting that only 30 students who have bagged the highest number of Gold Medals will be awarded degrees during the event, he said that it has been planned to award Ph.D degrees to research scholars the same afternoon, the details of which will be made known on Oct. 16.

The UoM authorities have worked out a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and all guidelines issued by the Union Government will be followed during the programme.

CNC demands inclusion of Codava Tribe in ST list

Mysuru, Oct.13 (RKB&DM)- The Codava National Council (CNC) has urged the Government to include Codava tribe in the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST) of the Indian Constitution.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, CNC President N.U. Nachappa maintained that ST tag for Codava tribe and Geo-political autonomy are synonymous for Codavas. Urging the Government to declare Codava tribe as a primitive tribe, he said that Codava tribalism must be measured through the 'Emic approach', an ethnographic study of Codava tribe.

Pointing out that one of the seven fundamental rights enshrined in our Constitution clearly upholds Constitutional remedy for the aspirations of the people, Nachappa argued that the Union and Karnataka Governments should concede Codava aspirations of ST tag as a Constitutional remedy.

Noting that as a result of CNC's relentless efforts and innumerable petitions to the Union Government, the Central Government directed the State Government to conduct an ethnographic study on Codava tribalism, he said that subsequently, the Karnataka Government entrusted this responsibility to Mysuru based Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI).

Stating that Codava tribe has its own extraordinary tribal characteristics, he maintained that ST tag is a must for their historical continuity and for protection of Codava land, language, cultural heritage, folkloric identity and traditional habitation. Also, the tag was important for their economic and political empowerment, he said.

Accusing KSTRI Director T.T. Basavanagouda of attempting to derail Codavas demand for ST tag through dubious means, Nachappa said that a representation has been given against the actions of Basavanagouda, which are detrimental to the interests of Codavas, to Mysuru DC.

Pointing out that the then MPs B.K. Hariprasad and Kupendra Reddy had raised the issue during the Parliamentary session in Dec. 2019, which attracted the attention of the whole country, Nachappa asserted that the ST tag will also ensure protection of Codava hereditary untitled lands and traditionally defined Codava homeland.

CNC office-bearers Areyada Girish, Kaliyanda Prakash, Chambanda Janath Kumar and Appaneravanda Manoj Mandappa were present at the press meet.

Step-up security for Toll Booth staff: SP

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Pointing out that two-wheelers are exempted from the toll fee, he said that even sugarcane-laden trucks and three-wheelers transporting vegetables do not pay the toll fee and indulge in fights when asked to pay the toll. Hence, we have asked the toll the staff not to fight back and risk their lives, he said.

Citing loss and frequent fights at the Toll Plaza, Sridhar said that he would write to the State Government to take over the Toll Plazas.

Meanwhile, NHAI sources said that there is a request to provide free passes to the staff of Nanjangud Taluk Office but it cannot be provided as it is not under NHAI's purview.

Cannon firing tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (MTY&KS)- The firing of 21 shots from the cannons will take place tomorrow and the time of the firing will be decided later in the day today.

The cannon firing will be held to acclimatise the five Dasara elephants to the booming sound of the cannons so that the elephants do not panic on the *Jumboo Savari* Day (Vijayadashami).

But this time, when cannons are fired at the usual parking lot near the Varaha Gate of the Palace, the five Dasara elephants — Howdah elephant Abhimanyu, Gopi, Vikram, Kaveri and Vijaya — will remain inside the Palace.

Usually, the elephants are brought to the parking lot and made to stand at a distance, while the cannons are fired. This year, to prevent assembly of a large crowd, the elephants will stay inside the Palace premises, while the three rounds each from all the seven cannons will be fired in a minute.

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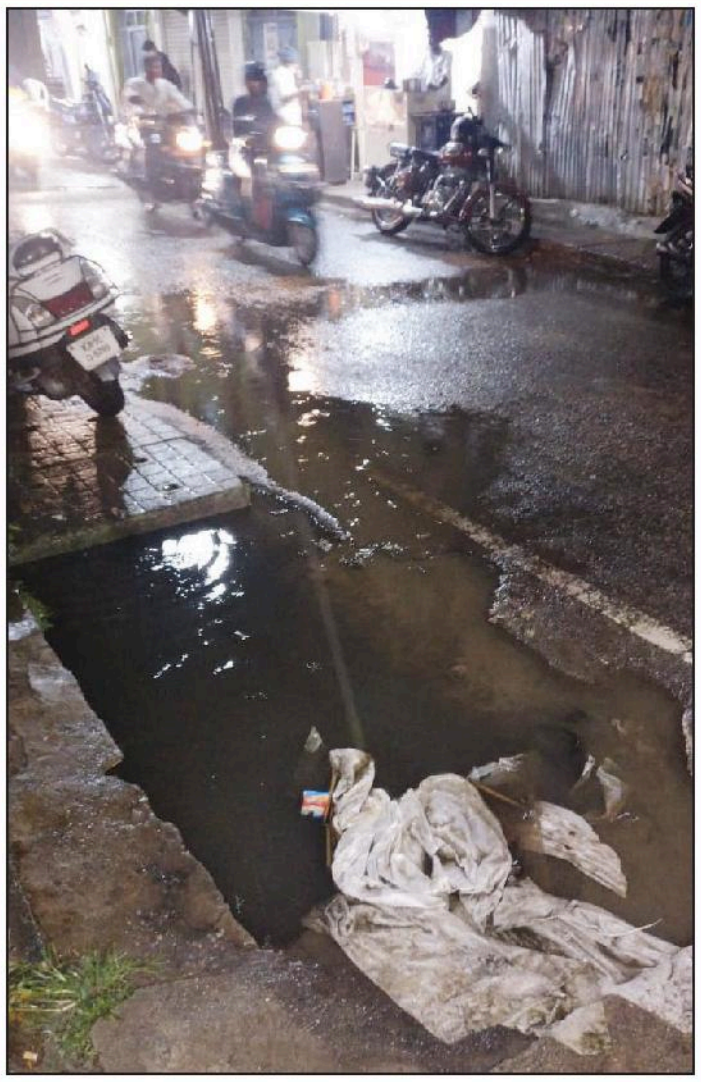

The concrete cover of the drain on K.R. Hospital Road (from Ashoka Road) is damaged in many places and is posing danger to the public, especially pedestrians and motorists. The problem worsens during rains as one is unable to make out the open drain. This may result in motorists and pedestrians falling into the drain and injuring themselves, which may even turn fatal. Hence, the public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the drain covered for the benefit of all.

Garbage dumped near Bankers' Colony needs to be cleared

Garbage such as empty plastic covers, packing materials and also household waste is being dumped on the sides of the Service Road near Bankers' Colony in Bogadi which remains uncleared for days. Due to rains, the garbage is decaying and emanating foul smell forcing the public to cover their nose while passing by this road besides spoiling the atmosphere. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

MLA appeals COVID-19 recovered to donate blood plasma

MLA L. Nagendra felicitating plasma donors — Shivashankar, Ravikumar, Nidesh, Shreyas, Abhilash and Vikram Kumar — during plasma donation camp at Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre in city on Sunday.

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RKB&DM)- MLA L. Nagendra has appealed people who have recovered from the deadly COVID-19 pandemic to come forward for blood plasma donation in large numbers. He was speaking after felicitating plasma donors at 'Plasma Donors - Life Savers' plasma donation camp organised at Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre on Sayyaji Rao Road here on Sunday.

Appealing COVID-19 recovered people to voluntarily come forward for plasma donation as it greatly helps in saving the lives of other infected persons, Nagendra said that more than 30 persons have voluntarily donated blood plasma so far and more number of recovered persons must come forward for doing the same. He further said that the Government in order to promote plasma donation, is giving an incentive of Rs. 5,000 for every donor.

Jeevadhara Blood Bank Chief Dr. Girish said that the donated blood will be grouped as Plasma, RBC and Platelets and given to three recipients. As such, every donor can be understood to have saved three lives, he said.

Explaining the significance of blood donation, Dr. Girish said that the camp is held with all COVID-19 safety and precautionary measures in place and appealed the people to voluntarily donate blood.

Six plasma donors — Shivashankar, Ravikumar, Nidesh, Shreyas, Abhilash and Vikram Kumar — were felicitated on the occasion.

Muthanna of Jeevadhara Blood Bank, Leaders Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, Anil Kumar, Kadakola Jagadish, Devendra, Anand and Kumar Kashyap were present during the occasion.

'Yogakshema Yatra' draws to a close

The week-long 'Yogakshema Yatra,' launched by KR BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas in his Assembly segment, concluded on Sunday. Officials and booth-level party workers involved in the Yatra were felicitated during the valedictory held at Brahmasthana Kalyana Mantapa on Sahukar Channaiah Road in city.

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (SPN&DM)- The week-long 'Yogakshema Yatra,' launched by KR BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas in his Assembly segment in order to hear grievances of the people and the difficulties faced by them during the COVID-19 times, ended on Sunday with the valedictory held at Brahmasthana Kalyana Mantapa on Sahukar Channaiah Road in city.

The Yatra on the seventh and final day took place near Kavita Bakery in Thonchikoppal of Ward 43, during which Ramdas along with officials went to the doorsteps of the people and heard their grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that over 100 officials from over 23 Departments and 270 booth-level party workers took part in the week-long 'padayatra,' for which he was thankful to them.

Announcing that a massive Job Fair (Udyoga Mela) will be organised for unemployed youths of KR Assembly segment, Ramdas said that this Mela aims to provide employment to a thousand youths at first. Already 12 companies have come forward for providing employment and the process of contacting some more companies is on, he said and added that measures for admitting dropout children in schools have already been taken. He further said that the next 100 days is crucial for making the Yatra a success.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that MCC staff got an opportunity to personally see and hear the problems and difficulties faced by the common man. He further said that the Yatra provided an opportunity for the officials to closely interact with the people.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the Yatra is a special effort by MLA Ramdas to hear public grievances. Such Yatras will enhance the spirit of democracy, he added.

All the officials and booth-level party workers involved in the Yatra were felicitated on the occasion.

K.R. Hospital faculty Dr. Prashanth and Dr. Preethi, KR BJP leaders M. Vadivelu, Om Srinivas, J. Ravi, Balakrishna, Noor Fatima, Cable Nagendra, Vidya, Mallikarjun, Prasad Babu, M.P. Rajesh and others were present during the valedictory.

Will make Health Department a model one: Minister Dr. Sudhakar

Mysuru, Oct.13 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that Medical Education Department and Health Department have an inter-link, Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has entrusted him both the portfolios in order to streamline health and allied services.

Speaking to presspersons at the Government Guest House here yesterday, hours after he was given additional charge of Health and Family Welfare Department by the Chief Minister, Dr. Sudhakar said that there were similarities in the functioning of the two Departments.

Pointing out that many States have a single Minister for both the Departments, he said that Yediyurappa has followed the same policy by entrusting him (Sudhakar) the Health and Family Welfare portfolio, in addition to Medical Education Department which he is already holding.

Asserting that there will be no disgruntlement in respect of B. Sriramulu being relieved of Health and Family Welfare portfolio, he reiterated that both the Departments were technically the same. Maintaining that Yediyurappa had spoken to Sriramulu before relieving him of Health portfolio, Dr. Sudhakar said his immediate task was to make Health Department a model one in the country.

He said the CM has given the Medical Education and Health portfolios to him (Sudhakar) with the sole purpose of providing better health care and services to the people. Arguing that Sriramulu is not disappointed over being stripped of Health portfolio, he said Sriramulu has been given another important portfolio of Social Welfare Department.

Noting that he has directed for increasing the number of beds in Government Hospitals, Dr. Sudhakar said he has asked the health authorities to bring down COVID-19 case fatality rate in the State.

Continuing, the Minister said that Mysuru has been recording the biggest fatality rate after Bengaluru, which is a matter of serious concern. Pointing out that the bed capacity of Government Hospitals can be increased by 600 to 800 beds, he said the hospital authorities must ensure that no patient should be turned away for want of bed.

Increase RT-PCR tests

Asking the authorities to increase RT-PCR tests for early detection of COVID-19 cases, he also stressed on the need for increasing the number of Labs. Instructing the officials to take serious note of rising COVID-19 deaths, he also emphasised on the importance of faster issuance of test reports.

Directing the Nodal Officers to ensure that there is no shortage of necessary drugs, he underlined the necessity of keeping a watch on those who are under home isolation or quarantine.

More beds in a week

Stating that the Government has provided 590 beds for COVID-19 patients, he said an additional 178 beds are at the disposal of Government Medical College, 250 at the District Hospital, 260 at Trauma Centre and 50 at Taluk Centres, totalling 1,328 beds. The Government will add 428 more beds in a week, he added.

Lauding the co-operation extended by Private Hospitals in the battle against the deadly pandemic, he said the city's JSS Hospital has agreed to give 400 beds. Also, 1,500 more beds will be available if all other listed Private Hospitals reserve 40 to 50 percent of their bed capacity, he said and added that the Government will meet the medical expenditure of those patients who are referred to Private Hospitals by the Government.

Mask is a strong weapon to prevent COVID spread

Asserting that wearing of quality face mask is the strongest weapon so far to prevent the spread of the deadly Coronavirus, Dr. Sudhakar said it is equally important to follow all other preventive and safety measures such as maintenance of physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers.

Appealing the people to get themselves voluntarily tested as soon as they show COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cold, cough and difficulty in breathing, he said that early detection will largely help in combating the disease.

Referring to Dasara, the Minister said the Government has decided to celebrate Dasara in a simple manner this year due to COVID-19. Stating that one should take note of Kerala example, where Corona cases grew instantly following large-scale Onam celebrations, Dr. Sudhakar expressed confidence that the measures taken for bringing down the cases in Mysuru district will yield results in a fortnight. Appealing the people to extend their co-operation for the conduct of a safe Dasara, Dr. Sudhakar said it is the responsibility of everyone of us to ensure that the festival does not lead to a spurt of the contagion.

Earlier, the Minister held separate meetings with Government Officials and Private Hospital heads at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad on the additional measures that need to be taken for arresting the spread of the virus and bringing down COVID fatality rate.

Health Department Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar, State COVID War Room In-charge Munish Moudgil, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, DHO Dr. Venkatesh and other officials were present.

Opposition of Mars - 2020

Best viewing time of the planet

Mars, the most celebrated and debated planet, is impeccably detectable with the unaided eye. The features of Mars are encomiastic and have been explored in great detail by the Viking Space Mission.

Mars reaches "opposition" on Oct. 13 and so it has its best conspicuousness for a few months. The specialty of this astronomical happening is that, Mars, the red planet, becomes more striking. On that day, the planet will be closer to earth. Throughout the night, Mars is discernible and more resplendent. Presently, Mars is noticeable in the south-eastern direction at 8 pm.

'Opposition' is the astronomical occurrence when a planet farther from the Sun than Earth appears opposite the Sun. This implies, Sun-Earth-planet is in a straight line. This is when the planet is about as close as it can get to Earth, so it is biggest and brightest. Rightfully, this is the best time to observe a planet.

Conveniently, the planet rises when Sun sets and is up all night, setting when Sun rises. An object is at Opposition when the Sun is on one side of the Earth and the object is directly on the opposite side. The result is that the object is fully illuminated by the Sun and appears disk-like. Whenever there is a Full Moon, the Moon is on one side of the Earth and the Sun is on the opposite side.

Autumn 2020 will see the best Opposition of Mars for many years to come. Mars Oppositions occur every 2 years and 2 months (or to be precise, every 779.94 days) and in 2020, Mars Opposition falls on Oct. 13.

From general perspective on our spinning world, Mars rises in the east just as Sun sets in the west. Then, after staying up in the sky the entire night, Mars sets in the west just as the Sun rises in the east. Every 15 or 17 years, Opposition occurs within a few weeks of Mars' perihelion (the point in its orbit when it is closest to the Sun).

This year, the planet will be much brighter and bigger compared to the previous Opposition with magnitude -2.3. The distance between the planets Earth and Mars at Opposition varies from 56 million kilometres at perihelion (closest point to the Sun) to 101 million kilometres at aphelion (farthest point from the Sun). Also, the apparent magnitude at Opposition varies from -2.9 to -1.4.

The 2003 Opposition was the closest approach in almost 60,000 years! Mars' orbit is more elliptical than Earth's, so the difference between perihelion and aphelion is greater. Over the past centuries, Mars' orbit has been getting more and more elongated, carrying the planet even nearer to the Sun at perihelion and even farther away at aphelion. The red planet came within 34.6 million miles (55.7 million km) of Earth, closer than at any time in over nearly 60,000 years! So future perihelic Oppositions will bring Earth and Mars even closer. 2003 record will stand until August 28, 2287!

At this October's Opposition, Mars' southern hemisphere will be tilted towards Earth. When it comes to observing around Opposition, telescopes will show us obscure and light regions on Mars' disc. These 'albedo' features are distinguishable because of variations in reflectivity. The lighter regions normally represent desert areas, while the darker regions are exposed rock. In addition, the planet's polar caps shine bright. The South Polar Cap (SPC) should govern our view, but as it's well into the southern summer, this will have shrunk to a fraction of its full size, the residual ice cap faintly offset from the planet's axis of rotation.

Binoculars will not reveal much more Martian feature than we notice, the planet appearing as a small, bright, salmon pink disc against a background star field. With a telescope, the changes to Mars' appearance in the run up to Opposition become very palpable. The planet's largest apparent size occurs when it is closest to Earth and this typically occurs a few days adrift of the Opposition date. It's not exceptional to see a pink fuzzy splotch at first, but give yourself time to settle into the view and you'll gradually see more.

From Mysuru, this planet can be noticed from 7 pm to 5.30 am and can be seen in the south-eastern direction.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

WORD OF THE DAY

Pecuniary

Pronunciation: pih-KYOO-nee-air-ee.
Meaning: Consisting of or measured in money; of or relating to money.
Origin: Pecuniary first appeared in English in the early 16th century and comes from the Latin word pecunia, which means "money." Both this root and Latin peculium, which means "private property," are related to the Latin noun for cattle, pecus. Among Latin speakers (as among many other populations, past and present) cattle were viewed as a trading commodity, and property was often valued in terms of cattle. Pecunia has also given us impecunious, a word meaning "having little or no money," while peculium gave us peculate, a synonym for embezzle. In peculium you might also recognise the word peculiar, which originally meant "characteristic of only one" or "distinctive" before acquiring its current meaning of "strange."
Example: "In a commercial environment, news organizations have to balance pecuniary concerns with their duties as journalists." — Ethan Epstein

THE ODD WORD

Pabouche

A slipper.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Meaning: To put all your eggs in one basket means to risk losing everything by having only one plan or idea and depend entirely on it for your success. This idiom is most often used as a simple warning: "Not to depend on one plan or idea."
Origin: This idiom comes from an old proverb, most likely Spanish or Italian, and first found in print during the 17th century. It alludes to gathering all the eggs from your hens into one basket so that if you should drop the basket, you lose all your eggs.
It appears in Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (1615):
"...to withdraw is not to run away, and to stay is no wise action when there's more reason to fear than to hope; 'tis the part of a wise man to keep himself today for tomorrow, and not venture all his eggs in one basket."
It is also found in A Common Place of Italian Proverbs and Proverbial Phrases by Giovanni Torriano (1666). It is similar to an older proverb, originally Latin: "Venture not all in one ship." Or don't trust all your goods to one ship.
Mark Twain, in Pudd'nhead Wilson (1894) played on the idiom humorously: Behold, the fool saith, 'Put not all thy eggs in one basket'—which is but a manner of saying, 'Scatter your money and your attention'; but the wise man saith, 'Put all your eggs in the one basket and—WATCH THAT BASKET.'

QUOTE BOX

The present was an egg laid by the past that had the future inside its shell.
—Zora Neale Hurston

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Moral support.

SUDOKU

		9	8				1	
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	3	4					8	
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			2		4			
			9	3				2
	6					4	5	
5			6					8
	1				2	9		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	7	6	9	4	8	2	3
8	2	4	1	5	3	7	9	6
6	9	3	2	8	7	5	4	1
7	6	1	8	2	9	3	5	4
9	3	5	4	1	6	2	7	8
2	4	8	7	3	5	1	6	9
3	8	6	9	7	2	4	1	5
1	7	9	5	4	8	6	3	2
4	5	2	3	6	1	9	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Master of public health, acronym ?
4 Irish parliament
8 Record maker: abbr.
11 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
12 ___ Murphy : Hollywood star?
14 Ancient Roman household deity
15 Pakistan's intelligence agency
16 Former French coin
17 Fifty two in Roman numerals
18 Venetian explorer __ Polo
20 Marsh grasses
22 Cricket legend Kapil ___
24 Center
25 Sleeps briefly
28 The French for 'island'
30 Unit of computer memory
34 A single unit
35 'Ever' for the poet
36 Burn midnight ___ : work hard, in a way?
37 One step of a ladder
39 Which person?
40 A type of seabird
41 Surprised reactions?
43 Contrary vote
45 A sphere - earth for example?
48 Catches sight of
52 Humble dwelling
53 Refresh or restore?
57 Hawaiian food
58 Tolkien's tree like creature
59 9/11 mastermind
60 Ash-container
61 Sense of self
62 Knock unconscious
63 Spot

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	P	A	R	■	■	S	H	Y	■	■	■	■
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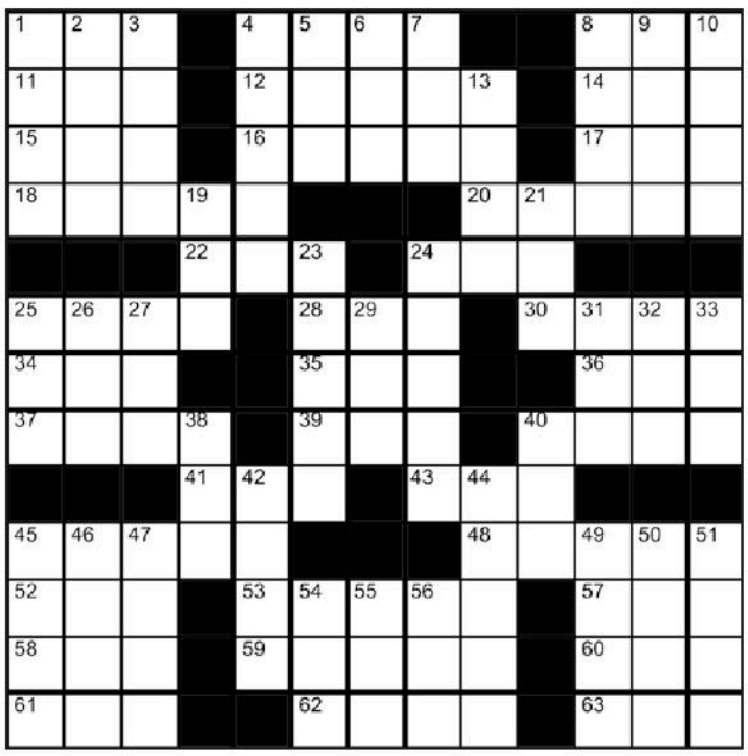
■	I	N	H	E	R	I	T	A	N	C	E	■
A	G	I	O	■	■	A	R	M	Y	■	■	■
A	N	C	■	E	E	R	I	E	■	O	D	E
L	I	K	E	N	S	■	A	N	A	N	A	S
■	T	E	X	A	S	■	D	I	G	E	S	T
■	E	L	A	T	E	■	S	T	R	U	T	■
■	■	■	M	E	N	■	Y	A	P	■	■	■

DOWN

1 Wound and cripple
2 Italian city
3 They need combing!
4 Famous author
5 Air Data Ref.
6 Name for a girl or of a famous mountain
7 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
8 Model Macpherson
9 An unmarried girl
10 Goo Goo Dolls hit
13 Light fawn colour
19 LP successors
21 Recede
23 Opinions
24 Wading bird
25 Neither partner
26 Music director Malik
27 Small enclosure
29 J&K district
31 The solver
32 The sesame plant
33 Old English measure or the right-angled letter?
38 Mass
40 Swindle
42 Leading man
44 Nile dam site
45 Clarified butter
46 Respiratory organ
47 Palindromic German
49 Musical work
50 ___ down : demolished?
51 A trigonometric function
54 Suffix for sex-change
55 __ King Cole: famous singer of Mona Lisa?
56 Australian bird



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FESN YIHM HMB EYINS YKFN KM IKCYESB, FHMXKMR QHZNC H ZSECCSEHRC. EMN THYI VNHRC YE RNCTHKS HMR AYYNS IETNVNCCMNCC. YIN EYINS, YE YEYHV NWYKMZYKEM. VNY AC TSHB PN IHGN YIN PKCREF YE ZIEECN ZESSNZYVB.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization.

AB de Villiers' magical inning helps RCB thrash KKR by 82 runs

Sharjah, Oct. 13- The AB de Villiers show was on full display as Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) beat Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 82 runs in Match 28 of the Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) here on Monday.

After scoring 194/2, RCB had a chance to strike early. But Navdeep Saini could not hold on to a sharp return catch to get Shubman Gill out in his first over. The right-arm pacer, though managed to pick his first wicket of the match as he dismissed the IPL debutant Tom Banton in the fourth over as KKR lost their first wicket in the chase. KKR though managed to score 43 runs in the powerplay, with Gill scoring 26 of those runs.

RCB, though, tightened the screws over the course of the next few overs with Yuzvendra Chahal and Washington Sundar and went on to pick four wickets in the space of five overs.

First, Washington Sundar dismissed Nitish Rana in the eighth over after the left-hander failed to execute his slog sweep.

Shubman Gill was the next man to get out following a misjudged single. While Yuzvendra Chahal had missed out on a wicket in his second over after Aaron Finch dropped a catch at long on, the leg-spinner managed to pick his first wicket after Dinesh Karthik dragged one back onto the stumps in the 11th over.

The next over saw Washington Sundar scalp his second wicket as Eoin Morgan was caught at the short third man.

KKR needed the Andre Russell show to pull off the chase and while the all-rounder showed signs of going big, hitting two fours and a six in the 14th over bowled by Isuru Udana, he perished in the same over after mistiming his shot.

RCB picked two more wickets in the next two overs as KKR continued to slide. While Chris Morris dismissed Pat Cummins, Kamlesh Nagarkoti got out off Chahal's bowling.

Mohammed Siraj joined the wicket-taking party, dismissing Rahul Tripathi, after Morris took a stunning diving catch at long on to leave KKR reeling at 99/8.

KKR were eventually restricted to 112/9 as RCB clinched a comprehensive 82-run win.

Earlier, the two RCB openers motored along after electing to bat first. Aaron Finch decided to step down a couple of yards against the new ball and he immediately put Pat Cummins under pressure. His opening partner Devdutt Padikkal too made most of the friendly conditions and dispatched the new ball to the boundary.

The RCB openers put up 47 in the Powerplay period and KKR's search for a breakthrough only ended when Russell castled Padikkal (32), uprooting his middle stump in his second over. RCB lost their first wicket for 67 and KKR then pulled things back, conceding 31 runs in the next four overs. At the halfway stage in the innings, RCB reached 78/1.

The KKR bowlers took pace off the ball and the plan worked as they were able to dry up the boundaries. Kamlesh Nagarkoti, who loves to bowl quick, was effective with the slower ball and he was impressive in his duel against Virat. As the pressure began to mount, Finch tried to attack and lost his stumps in a similar fashion as Padikkal and this time it was Prasidh Krishna, who picked the wicket. Finch was looking set for a big score but got out four runs short of a half-century.

Varun Chakravarthy, who has been quietly going about his job this season, had another fine run as he bowled four tight overs for just 25 runs.

Like in the previous game, Virat relied on running runs and picked up his first boundary only on the 25th ball and in the 19th over of the match. He could afford to do that as Mr. 360 lit up the Sharjah sky.

AB de Villiers stayed on the backfoot to counter the slow balls and started finding the big hits almost immediately from the time he walked out. He attacked the young Nagarkoti first and then brought up his 50 in just 23 balls with the help of four boundaries and five sixes.

While KKR were ahead till the 15th over, allowing only 111 runs to be scored, ABD ensured that momentum shifted, and it was back in RCB's corner. In the last five overs, RCB collected a staggering 83 runs to push their total close to 200. In his 33-ball unbeaten stay, Mr. 360 smashed six sixes and five boundaries. The Virat-ABD partnership remained unbroken on 100 from 47 balls.

BRIEF SCORES

RCB 194/2 (AB de Villiers 73*, Aaron Finch 47; Prasidh Krishna 1/42) beat **KKR** 112/9 (Shubman Gill 34, Andre Russell 16; Chris Morris 2/17) by 82 runs.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (OCT. 13)

SRH Vs CSK
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 14)

DC Vs RR
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

RCB 194/2 (20 Overs) beat **KKR 112/9 (20 Overs)**

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What is IPL's mid-season transfer window?

How Rahane can go to CSK or Tahir can move to DC

Dubai, Oct. 13-The IPL had introduced the mid-season transfer window last season and opened up a five-day window for loan transfers of uncapped players. It's almost the halfway stage in this IPL, and the tournament's mid-season transfer window is around the corner.

Unlike last season, the IPL Governing Council has permitted loan transfers of capped players this term. Franchises can loan out capped – both Indian and overseas – and uncapped players during this window. The loan process – expression of interest, paperwork etc. – has been applicable from Oct. 7 but the window will be opened exactly at the halfway stage, when all teams have played seven matches each.

The IPL loan rules say: "Any player who has played (in XI or as concussion substitute) less than two matches." The lending franchise will get the mutually agreed amount between two franchises, which is not subject to a salary cap. Fifty per cent of the loan fee will have to be paid "within 7 days of registration" and the rest "within 7 days of the final match of the season."

For example, if Ajinkya Rahane of Delhi Capitals – who has played only one match so far – is loaned out to Chennai Super Kings by mutual agreement, the player becomes a part of the Chennai-based franchise for the rest of the season, but Capitals remain his parent team.

It means that it's a half-a-season arrangement and the loanee returns to his parent team next season.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 13)

- **Aramane School of Arts:** Solo painting exhibition of artist Shivakumara H. Doddaarashnakere, Sri S.R. Subbarao Park, Niveditanagar, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Garment Factories:** Stock clearance sale of branded clothes (ladies, gents and children) with huge discounts, Hotel Pai Vista, opp. Sub-urban Bus Stand, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Exhibition of Collage Artworks of late Prof. S. Srinivasa Kumar, an educationist and a collage artist, Gallery premises, 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 14)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

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